State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a whole-body, whole-life

rare genetic disorder that affects the person since birth, childhood, adulthood and advanced age affecting the patient's bone, joints,

dental, hearing, muscle and/or nerve systems; and

WHEREAS, XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns according to the

National Institutes of Health; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the disease cause serious and debilitation symptoms

that have a major impact on the lives of those people who suffer

from XLH and their families; and

WHEREAS, patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a

variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and/or being able to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, XLH is not a curable disease, however, dedicated researchers

around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and

WHEREAS, educational programs must be public and constant so that new

parents and health providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date

information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 23, 2022 as

X-LINKED HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA (XLH) AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of June, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L**W**ilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs